

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session, the voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said distributed system comprising:

- a client device constituting an originating point of the voice communication session;
- a plurality of servers capable to be placed in a data communicative relationship with said client device, each server being capable to establishing a data exchange transaction with the client device to execute a certain function of the communication session, each server being characterized in that it establishes a data exchange transaction with said client device in a manner autonomous from a data exchange transaction between said client device and a different server.

2. (Original) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session as defined in claim 1, wherein each server includes a computing apparatus.

3. (Original) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session as defined in claim 2, wherein said computing apparatus includes a processor in a data communicative relationship with a memory, said memory including a program element executed by said processor to implement an event of the communication session.

4. (Original) A private branch exchange network to permit establishing of internal and external voice communication sessions, each voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said private branch exchange network including:

- a plurality of servers in a data communicative relationship, each server capable of interacting autonomously from other servers with telephone instruments connected to said network to execute a certain function of a voice communication session;
- said plurality of servers including a PSTN access server to connect said network and the PSTN for establishment of external voice communication sessions.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A method for establishing a voice communication session, the voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said method comprising:

- providing a client device at which the communication session originates;
- providing a plurality of servers, each server being capable to interact with said client device to execute a certain function of the communication session; and
- establishing a plurality of autonomous data exchange transactions between said client device and said servers to execute a series of functions permitting establishment of a voice communication session.

8. (Original) A method as defined in claim 7, wherein the establishment of a data exchange transaction between said client device and a server comprises the exchange of data packets between said client device and the server.

9. (Original) A method as defined in claim 8, wherein said data packets are IP data packets.